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Information on the National 4-H Club Camp -- for use of press and radio

Twenty-first National 4-H Club Camp

The Twenty-first National 4-H Club Camp will be held under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural colleges in Washington, D. C., June 13 to 20, inclusive.

Location

Assemblies, conferences, and other meetings will be held in the Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue, with one exception. the June 14 assembly will meet in the South Building of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Auditorium, beginning at 8:30 a. m.

As the recently purchased National 4-H Club Center is not yet available for the use of the Camp, the delegates and leaders will stay at the Raleigh Hotel, as they did in 1950.

at the Camp

Attendance Every State, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, will be represented at the Camp this year. Each State is sending two 4-H Club boys, two 4-H Club girls, and one or more adult leaders. Selection is made by the State directors of extension work.

How the .delegates are ... chosen

It is recommended that each 4-H member selected should be between 16 and 21 years of age; should be in good health and physically fit; should have completed at least 3 years of 4-H Club work; and, other things being equal, should be outstanding in leadership ability and community service.

Objectives of the Camp

To contribute to the 4-H delegates' preparation for responsible citizenship and service as junior leaders in their communities through (1) a wider outlook gained from travel and acquaintance with young people of other States and countries, and (2) a better understanding of the manner in which our Government functions, by first-hand observation, group discussions, and the comments of leading men and women who speak on their assembly programs.

Theme

The Camp programs are planned to provide opportunity to observe and discuss features on the subject "Know Your Government." These are related to the 4-H Clubs' theme for the year: Working Together for World Understanding.

Nationally known speakers will present various phases of the theme. The delegates will also visit points in and near Washington which are important in the development and functioning of our Government or are of historical interest.

Visitors from other countries Young men and women from 7 countries who are in the United States as <u>International Farm Youth Exchanges</u> will come to the Camp with the 4-H delegations from their host States and will participate in the program throughout the week. Forty-eight IFYE's of the United States going to other countries will attend one or two sessions of the Camp before sailing from New York.

International Farm Youth Exchange delegates are rural young men and women selected by the agricultural organization participating. In the United States they are selected by the State extension services at the agricultural colleges. They live on farms to which they have been invited in the host country, sharing in the daily work and social life of the family. They spend about 3 months in their assigned countries and, on returning, devote considerable time to speaking at meetings and extending the benefits of their experiences to others.

Adult leaders of rural youth organizations from eight other countries will be in attendance. They will participate either in the State 4-H Club leaders' conferences or the programs of the 4-H members, according to their individual preferences.

These adult leaders are from Belgium, Burma, Denmark, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Norway, and the United Kingdom. They have been invited to spend several months in the United States to observe the organization and functioning of the 4-H Club and other rural youth organizations in a program or project called the "Invitational Open House for Rural Youth Leaders."

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